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FURTHER TO NYC 42 OF 15 DECEMBER. ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

AND I MET WITH COMMISSIONER GOLDBERG OF THE IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
RODINO BILL FOR RFE EMPLOYEES. MR. GOLDBERG WAS MOST FRIENDLY
AND COOPERATIVE AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD GIVE US SPECIAL
ATTENTION EVEN THOUGH HIS OFFICE HAS A BACKLOG OF 3,880 CASES.

HE OUTLINED THE GENERAL PROCEDURE THAT WOULD NORMALLY
BE FOLLOWED AND THEN WE "NEGOTIATED" SOME EXCEPTIONS TO THE
PROCEDURE WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY SPEED UP THE PROCESSING.

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE NORMAL PROCEDURE IS BECAUSE IT IS NOT QUITE AS SIMPLE AS PERHAPS WE ANTICIPATED.

FIRST OF ALL, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE CLERK IN THE DISTRICT OF THE COURT AND THE NATURALIZATION

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PROCEEDINGS MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE JUDGE WITHIN HIS DISTRICT.

IN OUR CASE, IT IS NEW YORK AND, THEREFORE, IT WOULD NOT BY
POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE JUDGE GO TO MUNICH. SECONDLY, THE
IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF EACH APPLICANT AND THE TIME OF THE INVESTIGATION COULD
VARY CONSIDERABLY DEPENDING UPON THE PROBLEMS THE INVESTIGATOR
MIGHT RUN INTO. THIRDLY, A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS WOULD BE THE
EEST THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY EXPECT BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE
FILING OF THE APPLICATION AND THE NATURALIZATION AND THAT
WOULD ASSUME THAT THERE WOULD BE A RELATIVELY EASY INVESTIGATION
AND THAT THE APPLICATION DATES AND THE NATURALIZATION DATES
WERE COORDINATED. THE COURT IS HELD ONLY ON MONDAYS.

FOLLOWING IS THE PROCEDURE IN BRIEF:

- 1. THE APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP IS FILED.
- 2. AN INVESTIGATION OF THE APPLICATION IS CONDUCTED.
- 3. A HEARING ON THE APPLICATION WITH THE APPLICANT IS
 HELD BEFORE A NATURALIZATION EXAMINER. (NORMALLY THERE IS A
 30 DAY WAITING PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THE
 APPLICATION TO THE DATE OF THE HEARING. MR. GOLDBERG, HOWEVER,
 HAS AGREED TO WAIVE THIS WAITING PERIOD.)
- 4. IF THE EXAMINER RECOMMENDS FOR NATURALIZATION THEN THERE IS AN EXAMINATION BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT AND THE NATURALIZATION.

EACH APPLICANT MUST FILL OUT APPLICATION FORMS, BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEETS AND FINGERPRINT CARDS. NORMALLY THESE WOULD BE

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PRESENTED AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS FILED. THE INVESTIGATION VOULD THEN TAKE PLACE. MR. GOLDBERG HAS AGREED THAT WE COULD SUBMIT THE APPLICATIONS FROM MUNICH WITHOUT OFFICIALLY FILING THEM SO THAT THE INVESTIGATION COULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE APPLICANT COMES TO THE U.S. IF THE INVESTIGATION IS SATISFACTORY THE APPLICANT COULD THEN COME TO THE U.S. AND FILE THE FORMAL APPLICATION. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE WAITING TIME IN U.S. DUPLING THE INVESTIGATION.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONE OF THE DELAYING FACTORS IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS IS GOING TO BE WITH THE INVESTIGATION. MR. GOLDBERG STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND BIOGRAPHIES TO FACILITATE THE INVESTIGATION.

STAT WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THIS PROJECT WITH WHATEVER
ASSISTANCE HE NEEDS FROM ME OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STAFF
HERE. HE HAS ORDERED THE FORMS WHICH HE WILL SEND ON TO YOU
AND WILL GIVE YOU MANY MORE OF THE DETAILS THAT YOU WILL NEED.

END MSG

RODINO BILL